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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH FDD CAREER SERVICE BOARD MEETING

29 August 1957

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For the information of the Board, [REDACTED] announced that concurrences were informally obtained from Board members for the applications

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[REDACTED] to take Intermediate

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Bulgarian 11, evenings, at [REDACTED] providing OTR does not arrange a suitable internal or tutoring course. This brought up a discussion of whether an employee should be given extensive and expensive training before his trial period is up. The Board thought that training during the trial period should be looked into very closely to see if it warrants that after nine months the person should remain with the Agency.

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Off-duty comprehensive language training will be held in [REDACTED] given by OTR starting 6 or 9 September. There are now six applicants for Russian, six for Elementary German, and 5 for Intermediate German.

OTR would also like applications for instructors of such courses.

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BR proposes [REDACTED] for the OTR Chinese Newspaper Reading Course 16 September - 28 March. She will be the third student from FDD for this course. The Board approved.

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For the information of the Board, the trip to the [REDACTED] for eight FDD people has been canceled due to the sensitivity of the plant.

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[REDACTED] inquired as to the procedure for personnel who want to use leave on a regular basis to take courses of study for their degrees. The Chairman said that if it can be worked in with operations it is all right; if not, they will have to use other methods.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had attended the Current Problems Survey on Nationalism and Communism in the Arab World and received a special notation about his excellent classroom presentation of the life and thought of the Muslim reformer Muhammad Abduh.

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[REDACTED] also added that [REDACTED] was invited to attend a discussion of the statutes of the [REDACTED] as part of an OTR course on Party Organization and Operations based on an OO-M translation.

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[REDACTED] recommended [REDACTED] for the OTR Economic Statistics Course given in ORR. [REDACTED] is transferring to ORR but this course will also be of value to FDD in case he does not transfer. The Board approved.

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announced at a previous meeting that in view of [REDACTED] Preference Outline his folder was shopped for possible interest elsewhere. [REDACTED] received a notice that there is no position available; he is now planning his future with FDD.

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[REDACTED] received an application from [REDACTED] for the job vacancy slot in OBI for an editorial position IO-13 with military knowledge. Since the deadline is 9 September [REDACTED] nomination will be held until the next meeting to see if there are any other applicants.

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[REDACTED] mentioned that [REDACTED] has been in the process of securing a transfer to DDP most of the summer. SR-6 has a clerical slot for her which will not involve the freeze. Since her section is in dissolution, BU has no objection to the transfer and change of career service designation.

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The Clerical Assignment Committee met for the selection of someone for a TDY with the [REDACTED]. The Committee asked the Board's opinion of asking [REDACTED] if she would be interested. [REDACTED] will confer with [REDACTED] if she is interested.

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On a temporary basis [REDACTED] is being transferred from the Czech Section to the Yugoslav Section of BE due to [REDACTED] resignation.

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[REDACTED] has been talking with FE Division about [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has expressed interest in an overseas assignment in DDP operations and FE's situation is almost critical as they have few people with his qualifications. FE is agreeable to the proposed release of about six months as [REDACTED] is in training until then. BF will begin recruiting for his position.

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[REDACTED] (a former FDD employee) has applied for a position with the Agency again. The Board disapproved for FDD assignment but suggested she contact the [REDACTED]

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Acting Secretary